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Vandals strike at abbey

Historic landmark may now be forced to restrict access and put up CCTV

BY SCOTT KIRK
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VANDALS have caused thousands of pounds worth of damage at a much-loved landmark by smashing windows and damaging an 'invaluable' model.

Bradwell Abbey in Alston Drive may now have to restrict public access to the site and is looking at installing CCTV.

Staff and members of the public have even been confronted by the vandals, who have caused as much as £1,500 worth of damage to the windows alone.

But what has really upset staff at the abbey is damage to a model of the site.

It was left by an elderly gentleman who has recently died and now his legacy has been ruined.

The Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre (MKCDC), a registered educational charity, manages the site.

Director Henk van Aswegen said: "Regrettably we have had a number of mindless acts of vandalism on site since the schools have closed and youngsters have confronted staff and members of the general public.

"The sad thing is the model of the medieval Bradwell Abbey site that was severely damaged was built by an elderly gentleman who has recently died and his legacy has now been destroyed.

Damage: Henk van Aswegen next to one of the broken windows and, *inset*, the model that was targeted by the vandals

"Some other MK architectural models were also damaged and will cost nearly £1,000 to repair."

Lynne Dawson, business manager for MKCDC, added: "The cost of the glass damage alone will be nearer £1,500 and we might have to think about restricting public access, which is really sad as most people appreciate and enjoy the green space and heritage of the site.

"We will now have to seek additional donations and funding to overcome this new unnecessary expenditure. Donation or in kind help would be gratefully received and fully acknowledged."

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The Bradwell Abbey site is regarded as a heritage gem in Milton Keynes.

The site is a Scheduled Ancient Monument as it contains the ruins of a 12th century priory, including the pilgrimage Chapel of St Mary of Bradwell.

This chapel contains the remains of nationally significant medieval wall paintings and staff at the site deliver educational, heritage, cultural and community services.

Several public events such as Togfest, Proper Stock, MK Arts & Heritage Open Places, the British Festival of Archaeology, the Medieval Family Fun Day and Angels at the Abbey take place there.

The MKCDC's New Towns archive and research library is also housed there.

MKCDC and Milton Keynes Council are currently working to restore the medieval site.

They are hoping to redevelop under used buildings to enable MKCDC to expand its heritage and educational activities, as well as refurbish facilities for community and public use.

Many of the historic buildings need urgent restoration and structural work to safeguard them for future generations and protect the nationally significant pilgrimage wall paintings found in the 12th Century.

As a result, the project team is asking MK residents to give their views on the restoration by completing a survey at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bradwellabbey by August 31.

A council spokesman said: "This is a real shame and we would appeal to anyone who saw anything suspicious to contact the police."

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Plugged in: Lecturer Blaine Price and his wife Linda just love their 'spaceship' Nissan Leaf car

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MOTORIST Blaine Price just smiles when he passes filling stations advertising petrol at more than £6 a gallon.

For his £16,000 Nissan Leaf will travel almost 90 miles at a cost of just 25p.

Open University lecturer Blaine is one of eight Milton Keynes residents chosen to take part in a Greener Mile experiment.

"I love it," said the dad-of-two, who plugs it in every night in his garage at Woolstone to recharge the battery. "It feels like driving a spaceship. There's hardly any engine sound and it handles really well."

The car's onboard computer has worked out that Blaine's average driving style means it can cover 87 miles between charges.

"That costs me about 25p overnight on Economy 7 electricity," he said. "My wife Linda was a bit sceptical at first, but she was soon won over."

Blaine will keep the car for two years. His family is one of 75 in Milton Keynes involved in the three-year Thinking Energy Trial, being run by power company E.ON and the city council.

Their houses all have 'smart home' technology, which monitors electricity and gas consumption.

Coroner needs help to name dead man

BY JAMES AVERILL
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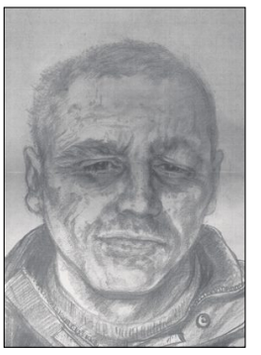
CORONERS have released a sketch of an unknown man who was found hanging near a Toys R Us store – so the public can help identify him.

In an opening inquest on Friday lasting a matter of minutes, a coroner confirmed that the man was pronounced dead at 2.38pm on Wednesday June 5 in a small wooded area adjacent to South Grafton roundabout at the junction of Grafton Street and Childs Way.

The body was discovered hanging from a tree by a couple who had arrived in Milton Keynes on the train to view a property in the area.



The male was certified dead at the scene and subsequent attempts to identify him have failed.

The white male is described as between 40 and 60 years of age, of average build, and with greying short ginger hair. He was 172cm tall and weighed 73kg.

At the time of his death the man was wearing a blue woollen hat, a black Regatta padded waist-length jacket and 32-inch blue denim jeans.

He had a black watch on his left wrist and was carrying a small black Puma rucksack. He also had some black gloves and a black Puma cap.

A provisional date of October 15 has been set for a full inquest.

Centre helps Railcare workers

RAILCARE workers who have been made redundant were invited to a special drop-in session at the Jobcentre Plus on Monday.

Potential employers and advisors from the Jobcentre and Milton Keynes Council were at the Civic Offices to help those who have lost their jobs make decisions about their future.

City MP Mark Lancaster has since said he has written to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills asking for a meeting as quickly as possible, to discuss Railcare and the redundancies being made.

And administrators BDO have said that workers who retained their jobs would be paid in advance for the second third of the month.

They also said that there were a number of prospective buyers interested, with Kim Rayment, joint administrator of Railcare, saying they 'hoped to be able to move forward with a preferred bidder shortly'.

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Mysterious man has MK in a spin

Different species: The mystery man referred to as Reko has kept MK guessing as to what his purpose is following a string of bizarre appearances around the city

BY JAMES AVERILL
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SOCIAL media in Milton Keynes has gone crazy as residents are left baffled by a mysterious Andy Warhol lookalike who has been popping up across the city.

MK NEWS has been contacted by readers with pictures of the terrifically tall man, who is wandering around the city with a black jacket and sunglasses.

And he has since claimed in a radio interview that he is an alien from a planet 'far, far away'.

People who have approached him claim that he is giving out cards with the words 'Reko Tao Zion' on them and the numbers 21 08 63, which leads to a website with a countdown clock.

A number of readers believe it to be a marketing campaign, while others have contacted us with their stories of encounters with the man.

One reader said: "I caught a picture of the really strange guy in Campbell Park this weekend. He seemed to have light coming from his hand.

"He wandered off but when he went out of sight, he just seemed to disappear. Really strange!"

Another told us: "He just grabbed my hand and I felt a feeling throughout my body like static electricity. The hairs on my arms and the back of my neck stood on end.

"When I went to take my hand away, he placed a strange card in it."

Whatever it is, a week long clamour to finally hear him speak was ended when he appeared at local radio station MKFM.

On air he claimed that 'he was watching and observing our decisions' and how they would affect the future.

■ To view footage of Reko visit www.mkweb.co.uk

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Chief defends advert

THE chief executive of a fitness group has defended an advertising poster saying that when aliens invade 'they will take the fat ones first'. Jan Spaticchia, of the Energie group based in Fox Milne, which runs Fit4Less where the poster appeared, said it was 'light hearted and not meant to cause offence'. In a poll on MKWeb, 73 per cent of 163 voters agreed the advert was not offensive.

MP's mobile surgery

LOCAL MP Mark Lancaster has confirmed his annual mobile surgery will return this week. It will take Mark, MP for Milton Keynes North, on the road to rural areas of his constituency where residents may find it harder to visit the city to speak to him.

■ For a full list of when and where the mobile surgery will be, visit www.mkweb.co.uk

Thief jailed for crime spree

A 29-YEAR-OLD man has been jailed for three years and three months for burglary and theft.

Kieran Murphy, of North Ninth Street, was sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court after admitting burglary and asking for six burglaries and eight thefts from motor vehicles in and around MK to be taken into consideration.

On June 14, Murphy burgled a property in Avington, Great Holm, and stole three laptops, a mobile phone and cash. He was charged with the offence the following day.

Investigating officer Det Sgt Karen Fletcher said: "Victims can move on, knowing the person responsible is behind bars."

Post office to get a facelift

A POST office at the Wolverton Agora is to be refurbished as part of a major investment programme.

The branch will have four new serving positions and be open for longer hours.

To enable the refurbishment, the branch will close on September 7 and reopen on September 19. During the closure, it has been recommended that customers use branches in Greenleys and Stony Stratford.

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Bill is on the right track

I WAS appalled to read the shocking news of Railcare going into administration with the loss of 131 jobs (*MK NEWS, August 7 and 14*).

This is yet another adverse effect of rail privatisation, which I have been following as the national transport speaker for the Green Party of England and Wales.

When the railways were one publicly owned business it could ensure that there was a steady steam of work for train building and refurbishing works such as Wolverton. When the railways were privatised in the 1990s there was a three-year period without any new trains being ordered. The train building works at York closed down with the loss of hundreds of skilled jobs. Then a few years later when new trains were required many were built abroad, in Germany, Spain and Italy, because we no longer had the capacity in the UK.

Now we have a lull in train refurbishment and Railcare goes into administration, despite having a healthy order book.

Rail privatisation was introduced by the Conservatives, continued by Labour and now by the Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition government. The fiasco over the re-letting of the West Coast franchise last year has delayed the franchising programme by two years. That in turn has delayed orders for new trains and for refurbishing older ones with a knock-on impact on Wolverton Works.

The Government seems to prefer to waste £100million on sorting out this franchising fiasco rather than spend £1million to keep skilled jobs in Milton Keynes.

Neither Conservative, Labour nor Lib Dem are prepared to do anything about the rotten system that is rail privatisation.

Fortunately the Green Party's Caroline Lucas has tabled a bill in Parliament to bring each of the Train Operating Companies (TOCs) back into the public sector when its current franchise expires.

The East Coast franchise is already operated by a government-owned company (DOR). Other franchises could join it over the next few years. This would create a publicly owned company operating all passenger trains. There would be no extra cost to the taxpayer. It would be able to coordinate train refurbishment so that works such as Wolverton had a steady stream of work rather than the 'feast and famine' levels that have caused Railcare to go into administration.

The bill will be debated in the autumn. If our local MPs really care about rail passengers and jobs at Wolverton Works they will support her bill.

Alan Francis
Milton Keynes Green Party

Higgledy piggledy hub

SO MILTON Keynes Council has booted out plans to build some awful looking homes opposite Sainsbury's in The Hub (*MK NEWS, August 14*).

To my mind they would have been in keeping with the buildings opposite. Whoever passed plans to build the flats and other very ugly buildings there should be bought to book.

There is nothing attractive about The Hub area at all – the buildings are tall, ugly and have no character. It's just a higgledy piggledy concrete jungle.

Joan Warren
Milton Keynes

Has world gone mad?

I RECENTLY read in MK NEWS that Milton Keynes Council is threatening to take legal action against local people who are undertaking the grass cutting of their verges due to the fact it was not being done effectively by the authority.

The council's position, I believe, is that this might create health and safety issues and residents who continued to undertake this work could face heavy fines and other legal consequences.

Has the world gone mad? When I was a child I recall my parents and our neighbours not only keeping their front gardens neat and attractive, but also sweeping the pavements outside their houses. It was one example of a concept commonly understood by everyone as 'civic pride'.

Fifty years on, a sea-change has occurred and perversely exhibiting civic pride nowadays can bring a threat of prosecution, rather than a pat on the back.

Due to this cock-eyed system, is it any wonder that our public thoroughfares and gardens, rather than being wonderful vistas and feasts for the eye, are instead weed infested, litter strewn waste grounds?

A sad example of this is the Fred Roche gardens in the middle of CMK. It once used to be a marvellous haven in which to walk around and admire the lush plants with neatly cut lawns and a wonderful water feature.

Nowadays the planting is almost nonexistent, the weeds dominate the flower beds, the brick work features and seating are breaking down and the water feature is mouldy and contaminated with rubbish. It seems, therefore, that although civic pride may still exist in the hearts and minds of some local people it has disappeared almost completely in the realm of local government.

The real problem this causes is what happens in the future in respect to the quality, look and harmony of buildings that are rubber stamped by the council?

We only have to look at the buildings that have gone up in the city centre in the last decade to see that the mismatch of architectural styles was approved by people who displayed hardly any understanding of the concept of civic pride.

Fred Roche was a great visionary and cared passionately about the city. He understood how to create an environment that fostered well-being and citizenship.

Sadly his values and concepts are now in severe decline, just like his garden.

David Chandler
Sent via email

Celebrating the 175th anniversary of Wolverton Works

THE Wolverton Works 175th anniversary is just days away but the tone of the occasion has been significantly tempered by the owners, Railcare, entering administration and the ensuing redundancies.

But, the anniversary is a significant one in the world's railway history so will continue to be marked in Wolverton during September.

The anniversary is September 17 and the associated events start at Milton Keynes Museum at 6.30pm on Tuesday, September 3.

This is a preview of the Works' anniversary art and photographic exhibition, featuring work by local artists and the museum's extensive photographic archive. Entry is £3.50, but free during the annual UK Heritage Open Days between September 12 and 15. The evening features talks from former Works manager Mike Corbett and Phil Marsh offering a behind the scenes glimpse into Wolverton Works.

The Full Works is the official 68-page Wolverton 175 anniversary book, which is available at the September 3 event.

Author, Mr Marsh, celebrates 40 years as a railwayman that day and the book reveals how he thwarted the sale of the Royal Train 15 years ago, a threat that has returned in the last few weeks.

A major Wolverton Works' photographic exhibition will be running throughout September in the Creed Street Arts Centre. Pictures range from the Wolverton built Sausage Vans to behind the scenes Royal Train pictures. This is a free exhibition and full details can be found at www.wolverton175.co.uk

The Living Archive band performs on September 15 at the museum, while on September 28, A Glance from a Train will be performed at the Wolverton Creed Street Arts Centre.

The UK's last steam tram operation from Stony Stratford to Wolverton is the subject of a talk on September 18 by the Wolverton Archaeological and Historical Society at St Mary & St Giles School in Stony Stratford.

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The stuff of nightmares: Simon Burke, *bottom left*, inside his 'squalid' cell in a Peruvian jail

My ordeal inside Peru hell prison

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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A MILTON Keynes man who spent seven months locked in a hellhole Peru jail yesterday warned two British girls now held there for drug smuggling: "Trust nobody."

Lab technician Simon Burke, 42, was finally cleared of attempting to smuggle 10 kilos of cocaine worth £500,000 back to the UK.

But he said of Michaella McCollum Connolly, 20, and 19-year-old Melissa Reid: "They are in a very difficult situation indeed.

"Everybody will give them conflicting advice – lawyers, the police and people they're in prison with. Some will say they're better off pleading guilty. Others will tell them to admit nothing.

"But many of these people giving advice are only after themselves. So you have to be very careful of their motives."

Simon was eventually freed after pal Sarah Jackson, also from Milton Keynes, convinced cops he knew nothing about the drugs which she packed in her suitcase.

Sarah is still serving her seven-year sentence.

But it was still almost three years before he was able to return home to Coffee Hall.

Michaella and Melissa are said to be too distraught to eat after being arrested at Lima airport with more than 11kg of cocaine in their cases.

They have been warned they could face up to 25 years locked away in appalling conditions.

Simon, who shared a cell with six other prisoners, said: "Prison was a nightmare. It was total squalor with rats and fleas and the toilets were four holes in the ground.

"You had to buy your own soap and even toilet paper while the food was terrible. "

But one good thing came out of it for Simon. He returned three years ago with Peruvian wife Marylia.

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Kidnapper sent back

A DYING paedophile who kidnapped a nine-year-old girl and took her to a farm in Little Brickhill after telling her he was a policeman has been sent back to jail. Derek Cheeseman, who has terminal stomach cancer, was expecting to be placed in the care of the social services for the last few weeks of his life. But Luton Crown Court heard social workers could not offer round-the-clock care for the 76-year-old.

Froome bike in MK

TOUR de France winner Chris Froome's bike will be at Midsummer Shopping Centre on Friday. It will be on display from 10am to 5pm outside Hollister for sports enthusiasts to have their photo with it. The bike showcase is to promote the Sky Ride cycling event at Willen Lake on Sunday.

Rachel's boyfriend tells of regret

THE boyfriend of Rachel Manning has said that he wished he had 'never left her' on the night that she died.

Barri White, 32, spent six years in jail for Rachel's murder before he was eventually cleared at a retrial.

And now he has given evidence at the hearing of Shahidul Ahmed, 41, who has been accused of killing Rachel by strangling her in December 2000.

The restaurant worker, of Bletchley, has pleaded not guilty to her murder at Luton Crown Court.

Mr White said he told his girlfriend to get a taxi home while he walked to Pencarrow Place where his friend, Keith Hyatt, lived. "I was feeling drunk and cold and wanted to get home," he told the court.

Rachel's body was discovered at a Woburn Golf Club after being hit 17 times with a car stop-lock.

Wall owner defends actions

THE owner of a climbing wall has defended his actions after a nine-year-old was left 'choking' while suspended in the air.

Miranda Vallance's helmet snagged on part of the plastic wall in Middleton Hall at thecentre:mk.

Josh Maye, of Josh Maye Mountaineering, apologised for what happened, saying: "I feel that my actions were the quickest, safest and most effective at that time.

"Since then we've amended the Risk Assessment for the wall to now include caught helmets, as this type of incident hadn't happened before."

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Enjoyment: Mary Franklin and Joan Strong with the new multimedia guides at Bletchley Park

New park guides a success

VISITORS young and old at Bletchley Park got a first glimpse of the attraction's new multimedia guide when it was launched yesterday.

The guides, which are on the iPod Touch, have a variety of different tours available, as well as a number of puzzles, games and stories from veterans about the famous codebreaking building.

One visitor trying it out was 86-year-old Joan Strong.

She said: "They're very clear. So much detail has been put in, it's wonderful that there's so much information about the systems they used and the people who did it as well."

More than 700 of the guides are available so every visitor can have one included in the admission price.

Bike thefts are on the increase

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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BICYCLE thefts in Milton Keynes during the first six months of this year were more than 50 per cent up on the same period in 2012.

Shock figures show there had been 67 thefts by the end of June – compared with just 42 last year.

Thefts from vehicles – which includes wheels and other items nicked from bikes – were also on target to be higher than during 2012.

One of the main hotspots for the two-wheel crime wave is outside Milton Keynes railway station. A Freedom of Information request shows five bikes were reported stolen there between January and the end of March.

Now worried police are urging cyclists to use TWO heavy duty locks – preferably of different types – before leaving their machines.

Scott Baverstock, who cycles to work in an office overlooking Station Square, said: "I have had a bike, a wheel and a seat all stolen. Anything thieves can steal, they will. If you look around there you'll see loads of bikes with wheels or something else missing.

"They're so easy to steal. Ordinary security chains are useless. Thieves can cut straight through them with bolt cutters. I have now spent £150 on two huge chains weighing two or three kilos."

Scott, 33, who filed the FoI request, added: "More CCTV is needed."

Last night a spokesman for Thames Valley Police said: "We are working to detect and reduce these crimes."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Hospital chairman

MILTON Keynes Hospital's new chairman will be Chris Mellor, the current interim chairman of the Sherwood Forest NHS Foundation Trust Hospital in Nottingham.

He was formerly deputy chairman of Monitor, the organisation which regulates foundation trust hospitals.

Golden funding key

AGE UK Milton Keynes has won eight 'golden key' chances in a Willy Wonka-style competition to land £18,000 for a 'Help me home' project to support people being discharged from hospital. Spokesman Sharon King said: "We are absolutely delighted."

Council to consider sex club

MILTON Keynes Council's development control committee is due to consider a proposal for a new sex club in the city tomorrow.

The application, made by former Phoenix Club owner Richard Winterbottom, is to change the use of an empty building into the sex club, which is set to have a cinema and shop inside it.

The club would be built at the CBX building in Midsummer Boulevard and would be open until 5am.

To find out whether the committee gave the application the thumbs up visit www.mkweb.co.uk

Protesters sleep walking

BEDROOM tax protesters have moved Saturday's proposed mass sleep-out from Seklow Mound after we revealed it was an historic monument.

Their Facebook page says they may now use a site near the railway station where there are toilet facilities. So far 22 people have volunteered to join in. One campaigner urged them to take along musical instruments, banners and their dogs. He said: "The council are bending over backwards to help us."

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Travellers spark a row over sites

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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What a mess: Rubbish left behind at the makeshift Tattenhoe site

A DOZEN traveller caravans descended on Milton Keynes for a gypsy wedding at the weekend – as another group moved on leaving behind a huge pile of black bin bags.

Last night it was reported that the latest visitors were also pulling out of their makeshift site outside Howe Park Wood, near Tattenhoe.

But the two illegal encampments sparked off a furious row over whether MK Council should have dropped plans for a £1.6million permanent travellers site at Fenny Lock.

Lib-Dem councillor Chris Williams, who represents Furzton, said: "If they'd built the site these people would have had somewhere to stay.

"We wouldn't now find illegal encampments setting up all over the town and then have to clear up the mess.

"The Fenny Lock site would have had proper facilities for about 10 caravans with power and water and toilets.

"But the Tories cancelled the project after we had already spent £500,000 of the £1.6million allocated for it.

"They didn't do anything illegal, but morally and ethically it was wrong."

Last night Councillor Peter Geary, cabinet member for communities, stormed: "He is talking claptrap and waffle.

"It would have been a permanent site at Fenny Lock for settled travellers. These people who set up illegal encampments wouldn't be interested in those. They want transit camps for just a few days.

"We looked into setting up a transit camp, but they are a nightmare to manage with the travellers coming and going all the time.

"In the end we decided to prioritise and spend the money on building homes for Milton Keynes people who needed them. That wasn't being discriminating or racist, it was common sense."

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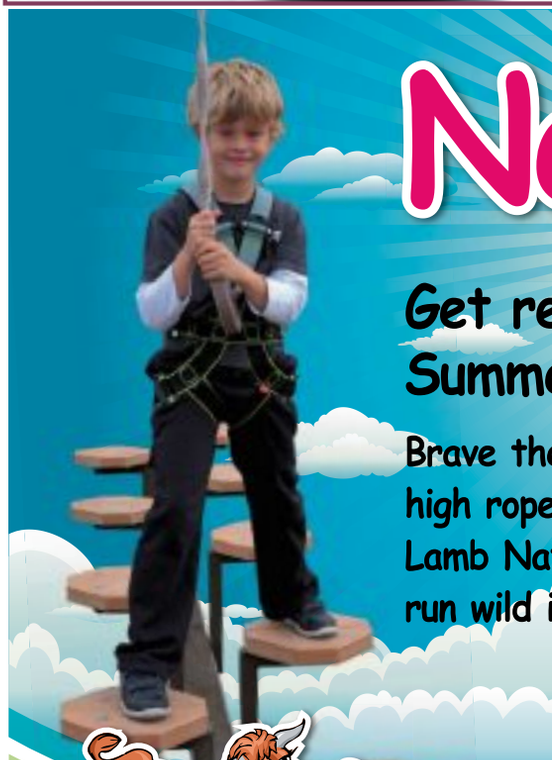

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Extra staff to fix pothole problem

BY JAMES AVERILL
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MILTON Keynes Council has said it has cut through red tape to sort out the city's pothole problem.

And it says hit squads have already started targeting hotspots to carry out repairs to the borough's highways.

The move comes after the authority managed to skip the normal procurement process needed to find a contractor to carry out such work by transferring members of its own staff onto the dedicated pothole team.

Council leader Andrew Geary made the announcement at the latest meeting of the cabinet procurement committee.

Cllr John Bint, cabinet member for transport and highways, said: "We have decided that all the council staff available to us will be transferred to deal with potholes until further notice.

"These include members of the road junction improvement team and we will now be buying in contractors to take on that service.

"We are doing this because we have been aware for a while that the pothole situation has not progressed as well as we would have liked.

"But I am delighted that we are now able to get on with it and do the work that the public has been calling for."

There will be eight teams of two to three people dedicated to fixing potholes before the new highways contract is due to begin in April 2014.

The council has faced stern criticism from members of the public about its approach towards the state of the city roads. But it says its patrols have already resurfaced 77,000 square metres of road this year as part of a £50million investment.

John Bint says roads will be fixed

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‘Thief’s stolen my livelihood’

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A LANDSCAPE gardener who had his £6,000 lawn mower stolen from his drive has urged the thief to return it, saying they have ‘stolen his livelihood’.

Neil Harper, who has run family company Shenley Garden Maintenance since 2006, was shocked to discover when he woke up one morning that his Kubota lawn mower had been taken during the night.

And he says the theft will have a severe impact on his income.

“It’s like someone has stolen my job,” Neil told MK NEWS.

“I won’t be able to fulfil my contracts now and it will cost £150 a day to hire a replacement.

“Me and my wife have a baby on the way and we’ll have to put the mortgage on hold.”

Neil normally stores his lawn mower in a secure shed, but that particular day it was blocked.

Upset: Landscaper Neil Harper has had his lawn mower stolen

So when he had finished work cutting grass for a local college on Friday, he placed it on his drive in Shenley Road.

But between 11pm on Friday and 9am the next day, someone came along and stole it.

Neil is now hoping that the thief will return the second-hand mower, which when new was worth up to £12,000.

“The police have been in touch, but they hold little hope of retrieving it,” he said.

“It’s not like the thief has stolen my bike, it’s more serious than that, they have stolen my livelihood.

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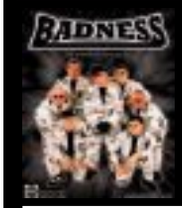

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Councillor shocked to get parking fine

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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AN ANGRY councillor claims city bosses need English lessons after being given a £70 fine for parking in an electric vehicle-only bay.

Chris Williams says they don't understand grammar – and can't tell their singulars from their plurals.

Now he is demanding they tear up the ticket slapped on his Mitsubishi Carisma outside the Civic Offices.

The Lib-Dem councillor for Furzton said: "The no-parking sign clearly stated a singular electric point bay, not a plurality because there was no 's' on the word. So I purposely didn't park in that bay but in the next one.

"If all the bays were only for electric vehicles, then the signage should denote 'points' and not 'point'.

"It is frustrating to find the council doesn't understand English grammar – nor obviously its own signage."

In a letter to parking chiefs, Chris also enclosed a copy of what he described as a 'very pertinent and opportune article' from the MK NEWS.

Sign of the times: But it left Councillor Chris Williams baffled

That told how shopper Kathryn O'Neill had her ticket torn up because the council's website gave misleading advice about parking.

Chris, 67, who paid £1.40 to park for an hour, returned to his car just as the traffic warden was writing the ticket. He said: "The warden obviously enjoyed his job."

A council spokesman said: "We cannot treat councillors more favourably than other residents. But we exercise our discretion to cancel notices for first-time offenders where there are grounds for thinking it was a genuine mistake.

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Looking forward: The Range owner Chris Dawson is 'very pleased' to be creating new jobs with the opening of a new store in Winterhill

New store will bring 150 jobs

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A GARDEN and leisure store will create 150 new jobs when it opens later this year.

The Range will open its doors in Snowdon Drive, Winterhill, on November 15 at a retail development built on the former home of basketball club MK Lions.

It forms part of the scheme by Albion Land, which has pre-let the 40,000sq ft unit to The Range, with another 10,000sq ft unit plus mezzanine still available.

The new store will offer a variety of products from DIY to furniture and lighting and the 150 new jobs will include full-time and part-time positions such as store and department managers and warehouse and admin staff.

The Range is owned and run by entrepreneur Chris Dawson.

He said: "Milton Keynes is the perfect location for us as a company.

"We are looking forward to the move and it won't stop here. We are pleased to be able to create a number of local jobs and are confident this store will play a huge part in the success of The Range."

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Ace MK sport lover, 64, serves up treat

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A SPORT lover who runs a badminton group for people over 50 wants to see more activities for older people in the city.

Keith Stevens, 64, from Milton Keynes organises the 50+ Monday Badminton Group every week at the National Badminton Centre in Bradwell Road.

But now he is aiming to organise an archery group for people of the same age.

He says the 20 to 30 people who play badminton every week are also very good friends off the court.

"We go out for meals together and go on holiday as well – on September 1 we're going to Kent," said Keith.

"We're just like big kids – as we get older we get younger!

"We're hoping to expand our events to archery and encourage people to get in touch with us."

He is also happy for anybody wanting to set up other clubs to get in touch as he feels he can help with the organising of events.

Reaching out: Keith Stevens, *right*, wants to see more sports groups for the over 50s like the one he has set up for badminton, that is attended by 20-30 people including Nicholas Wally, *left*

"If someone wants to start a bowls club as a friendly social, or any other sport, and there are people out there who want to make friends, they could align with us and we could make it happen.

"I just want to encourage people to start groups going."

Keith added he would like to see more women taking part in the badminton club on Mondays. The group meets between 12.30pm and 2.30pm and the entrance fee is £2.50.

To get in touch with Keith call him on 01908 605070, or email k.stevens@talktalk.net

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Winners: Jo Deering, her daughter Alisha and Lesley MacLellan with their winning entries. The trio found out they had won on Friday after a judging panel, including MK NEWS and MKWeb editor Cally Jenkins, ruled theirs were the best of the bunch

Bakers rise to the top

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THREE bakers from the same city estate have scooped the top prizes in Milton Keynes' version of the British Bake-off.

Mother and daughter Jo and Alisha Deering from Heelands won two of the three categories, while their friend and nearby neighbour Lesley MacLellan picked up the remaining prize.

And it came as a surprise to the two friends because they had kept their entries secret from each other.

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Lesley won the adult – professionals category with her three-tier cake of a beach.

"I went for the great British seaside because it was the great British Bake-off," she said. "The bottom tier is the beach, with sand, the second is the pier and the top tier is the sea."

Jo Deering took the top spot in the adults – non-professional category with her circus-inspired cake.

"I didn't think I'd win," she said. "I entered to give my daughter the confidence to enter herself and it's ended up boosting mine at the same time."

Twelve-year-old Alisha, who attends Stantonbury School, won the Children's category with her delightfully decorated bubblegum and marshmallow creation.

She says her next cake will be a tribute to her favourite boyband One Direction.

Meanwhile, MK NEWS' very own entrants, Marie Baker and Jacqui Ormerod, came in joint third place.

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Looking to the future: An artist's impression of what The Prince George of Cambridge pub will look like when it opens its doors in the new year

By George, our pub!

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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THE first pub in the country named after the new royal baby is set to open in Milton Keynes in January.

The Prince George of Cambridge, at Tattenhoe, will have cost about £2.5million to build.

And like its namesake who was a few days overdue, the pub's opening will also be a little later than scheduled.

For building work was delayed after a colony of rare newts was found to be breeding on the site.

The pub will be run by independent Hertfordshire-based pub operator and brewer McMullen & Sons.

Managing director Peter Furness-Smith said yesterday: "Pubs have a long standing tradition of being named after people who have left their mark on the public consciousness.

"Thus they remind the nation, over generations, of their place in our history.

"We celebrated the Royal Wedding with the naming of The Duchess of Cambridge pub in Windsor and we are proud to continue that tradition by naming this new pub The Prince George of Cambridge."

The pub will be the eighth in McMullen's Chicken and Grill range.

Retail director Heydon Mizon promised: "It will have a wide range of world beers, our unique range of hand-crafted McMullen ales and an interesting wine list – along with our excellent value pub menu. Specialities will be chicken from our rotisserie oven and chargrilled meats."

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Nail-biting wait over for A-level students

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STUDENTS across the city achieved some top class marks when they picked up their A-level results.

There were scenes of celebration as students finally opened their envelopes on Thursday, with many achieving the grades they needed for university.

But while Joni Downs got grades so good she could walk into most universities, she's following a much different path to some of her classmates.

"I'm going to be doing some full-time preaching," she told MK NEWS.

The 18-year-old from Bletchley, who attended Lord Grey School in Shenley Brook End, scored three A* grades in maths, English and drama and an A in Italian.

"It's not the usual route I admit, but it's something that I enjoy. I'll be doing that for at least a year."

The record books were rewritten at Lord Grey as it finally achieved a 100 per cent pass rate for its students.

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Denbigh School students celebrate after opening their results. Tim Bell, *far right*, will now study maths at Oxford University after gaining two A*s and an A

Denbigh School was also delighted with its results after achieving a 99 per cent pass rate – although headteacher Sarah Parker criticised those who claim exams are getting easier.

"It's a shame that every year we have this discussion of whether results are good or not," she said.

"The students can only sit the exam and learn the curriculum that is in front of them. We should be celebrating their achievements."

One student celebrating her achievements was 21-year-old Christina Coupland, who got As in psychology, sociology and law and a B in business studies after going back to MK College following the birth of her daughter, Mariah, three.

She is now going to Loughborough University to study business, retail and marketing.

"I left school and didn't know what to do," she said.

"Having a daughter changed my attitude in life and gave me motivation to do the A-levels again."

Christina's classmates at MK College also enjoyed an outstanding year.

They achieved a 92 per cent overall pass rate and all of the students on seven of the AS courses passed.

Finally, Ousedale School had its best ever year, with 54 per cent of students getting an A*-B grade.

Headteacher Sue Carbert said: "The very high expectations and standards that we set have once again been achieved."

Christina Coupland celebrates with Mariah

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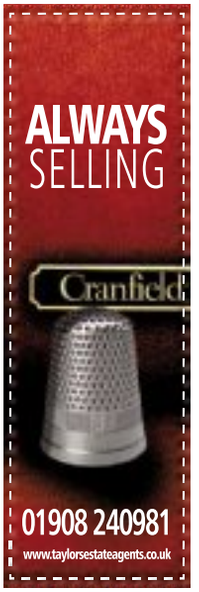

Can you help cops identify these men?

BY JAMES AVERILL
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POLICE are calling for residents to help find two men they would like to speak to following crimes in Great Linford.

And a local parish councillor has said residents have been left 'concerned' by the incidents.

Sam Crooks said: "There is concern about these attacks. Everyone wants their estate to be a safe one to walk in."

Police have released an e-fit of a man they want to speak to in connection with a sexual assault.

A 25-year-old woman was walking along a footpath next to Great Linford Combined School at 5.39am on July 28, when she was approached by a man from behind.

The man pushed her to the floor and sexually assaulted her before running off.

He is white, aged between 31 and 35, about 6ft, of normal build, with a full beard and short hair. He was wearing a dark-coloured, hooded top and white trainers.

Police released these e-fits after two incidents in Great Linford

As reported by MK NEWS last week, police have also released an e-fit of a man they want to talk to following a male exposing himself.

Three women were at The Green near Granes End when the incident happened at 8.50pm on July 25.

The offender is white, aged 20-30, 5ft 10in, slim, with short light brown hair. He was wearing a blue polo top with red and white stripes, dark blue jeans and dark trainers.

Anyone with information should call police on 101.

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Ashley has eye on charity race

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A FORMER optician has come up with a challenge with a difference.

More than 2,000 mud-runners are expected to do battle with a tough new obstacle course to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK.

The RockSolidRace, which takes place for the first time on October 12, is all about 'mud, sweat and teamwork'.

Competitors will be jumping over fire pits, crawling under barbed wire, wading through mud swamps and skips of ice, scaling 8ft walls and cascading down water slides.

The 5k and 10k events are the brainchild of Ashley Jardine from Bletchley, who left his full-time job as an optician to set up RockSolidRace, based in Silbury Boulevard, earlier this year.

"The races are designed to take you out of your comfort zone but when you cross the finish line you will know you've done something amazing," said Ashley.

Challenging: The RockSolidRace is aiming to raise charity cash

The event – next to the Silverstone racetrack at Silverstone Woodlands – is expected to attract more than 2,000 participants. And Ashley hopes the event series will raise more than £20,000 for Cancer Research UK.

He said: "We decided to make Cancer Research UK our official charity because everyone is affected by cancer in some form or another.

"My own friend was recently diagnosed with womb cancer and told she may not have children. Thanks to research she had successful treatment and is now expecting her first child."

Paula Young, spokesman for Cancer Research UK, said: "We're thrilled that RockSolidRace has chosen us as a charity partner because we rely entirely on donations to fund our lifesaving work."

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Members of the band French Lesson present Willen Hospice with a cheque for £500. The hospice looked after the group's bass player, Dave Gillbe, before he died from cancer in 2008

Band helps hospice

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A BAND have donated some of the proceeds from an album recorded in memory of their bass guitarist to Willen Hospice.

French Lessons formed in 1977 in West London, but when the group split up and the members went their separate ways, bass player Dave Gillbe settled in Milton Keynes.

The group decided to reunite in 2005, but tragically before they could do so Dave was diagnosed with terminal cancer and died at Willen Hospice in 2008.

At Dave's wake in Stony Stratford, the band performed a short set and decided to make an album to raise funds for the hospice.

The band, comprising Ian Lee-Dolphin, Martin Plumb, Geoff Coxon and Richard Gleave, released the CD in February following a three-year recording process and earlier this month handed more than £500 to the hospice.

Richard, from Linslade, was a friend of Queen guitarist Brian May while at Imperial College and has played with members of Fairport Convention and Mud.

He said: "The band intend fundraising to continue and hope to contribute to Macmillan Nurses. The CD will be available very soon from Willen Hospice shops and 100 per cent of proceeds from CDs sold in their shops will go to the charity."

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Get on board to ride the 'waves'

BY SCOTT KIRK
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BALANCE has never been my strong point – so it was with a fair amount of trepidation that I took on the challenge of Xscape's new FlowRider attraction.

The ride is basically like static surfing – you're on a bodyboard or surfboard and jets of water spray at you to create the illusion that you are on the waves.

I can barely ride a bike, so balancing on just a board under tonnes of water led me to believe that I wouldn't be very good at this.

But when Richard, the first of our group of eight, took to the water, it didn't look like it would be too difficult.

Insisting he had never been on the FlowRider before, he was at relative ease and looked like he was enjoying the experience, which convinced me that maybe the FlowRider wouldn't be as difficult as I thought.

How wrong I was.

As a contact lens wearer, I tend to keep my eyes shut when I am around water or when it sprays up in my face, so for the bodyboarding I struggled.

Go with the Flow: Surf's up for Scott as he tackles the FlowRider

See our video of Scott trying the Flowrider at www.mkweb.co.uk

Similar to skiing or snowboarding, it's all about the confidence, but I had zero.

The FlowRider costs £15, which I think is very good value for money, bearing in mind that you have a good hour on there.

I would highly recommend having a go – it's great fun, a fantastic way to make new friends and it's only here until September 1, so give it a try, even if your balance is as rubbish as mine!

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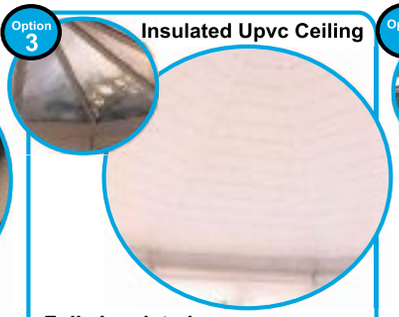

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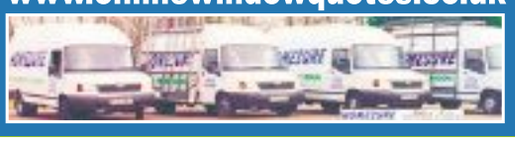

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The team who work so extremely hard to bring you these lively Lifestyle pages each month – will certainly not let you down again as they have scoured the best summer offerings from showcasing bright and funky kitchen wear to a selection of hot summer trends. Also pages on the latest food news that will make your mouth water from seasonal produce to Rick Stein's new cookbook – India.

Enjoy a browse at our Top 10 new season collections, we have left you spoilt for choice, so take your pick from these most-wanted items. We also show you some great back to school accessories for all your little ones, it is a really special day for the reception class's and they undoubtedly need to look the part. If you are jetting off somewhere exotic then make sure you take the latest novel, so whilst you sit back with a cocktail you can while away the hours engrossed in the Lifestyle choice of top books.

With summer in full swing we are all trying to enjoy quality time with friends and family and make the most of those precious weeks away or those stay at home vacations. It is going to be the best summer ever.

See you in September.

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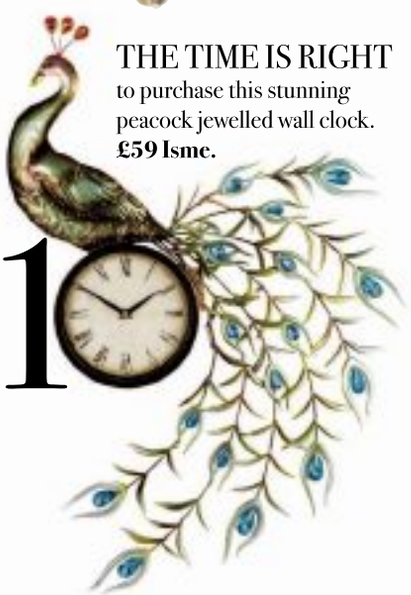

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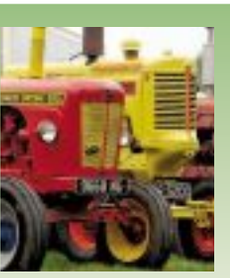

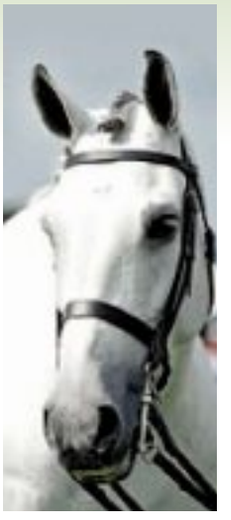

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Author: Linda Collister

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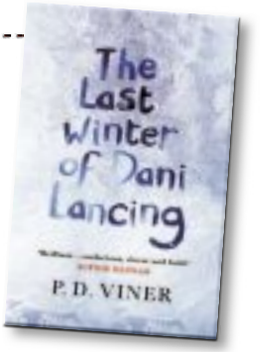

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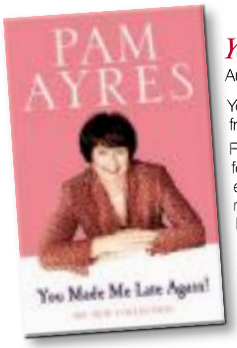


You Made Me Late Again!

Author: Pam Ayres

You Made Me Late Again! Is a collection of more than fifty new poems from Britain's favourite poet Pam Ayres.

From wishing your husband was more dashing to becoming a granny for the first time, Pam's poems are observant, witty and poignant in equal measure. From exploding wardrobes, to knowing you must eat more fruit, to the dog being afraid of the toaster – the poems are beautifully crafted, and her subjects the everyday and the universal.

Delightfully illustrated, most of the poems in You Made Me Late Again! are absolutely brand new, yet it also features several firm favourites from her stage shows, published for the first time, such as 'The Make-Up Lady' and 'Tippy Tappy Feet'.

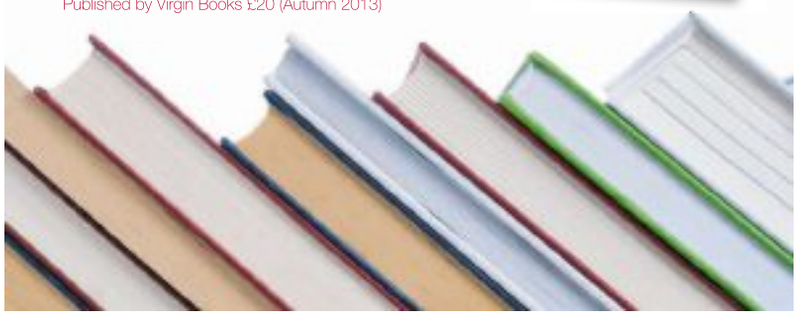
Published by Ebury Press £16.99 (Due 26th September)

Northern Soul

Author: Elaine Constantine and Gareth Sweeney

The story of Northern Soul is one of practically total immersion, dedication and devotion, where the plain concept of the 'night out' was elevated to sacramental dimensions. Where devotees pushed their bodies, their finances and sometimes their minds to brutal and unforgiving extremes. For those who went through that involvement every test of faith or endurance was worth bearing. 'It was a drugs scene, it was a clothes scene. It was about dancing. It came out of this thing. It was about pills that made you go fast. Acclaimed photographer and director Elaine Constantine has brought the movement to life in her film Northern Soul - and that film was the starting point for this book, Northern Soul: An Illustrated History.

Published by Virgin Books £20 (Autumn 2013)



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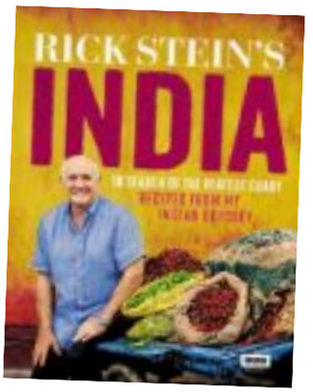


I don't know about you but whenever I hear the word curry, I'm filled with a longing for spicy hot food, crisp poppadum's and an ice cold cobra beer.

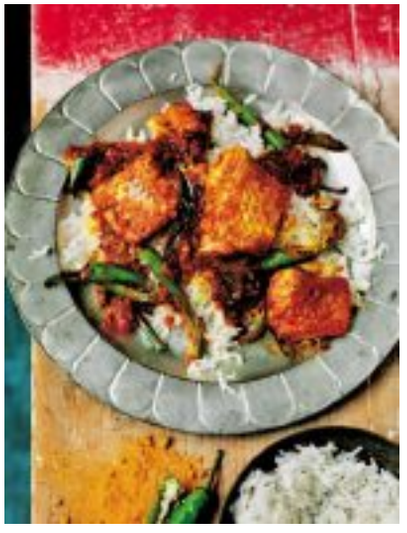
We have teamed up with our friends at the Ebury Publishing to bring you two mouth-watering recipes from this beautiful cookbook - Dry Curry of Cabbage, carrot and coconut and a Madras Curry of Snapper and tomato -enjoy!

Rick Stein's India (BBC Books, £25)

MADRAS FISH CURRY OF SNAPPER, TOMATO AND TAMARIND

SERVES 4 – 6

I have written at some length in the main introduction about finding this curry, which I have nominated as my favourite. I've used the same fish it was cooked with on that day in Mamallapuram – snapper – but in the UK I recommend using any of the following: monkfish fillet, because you get firm slices of white, meaty fish; filleted bass, preferably a large fish, because although you'll get softer flesh it has plenty of flavour; or gurnard. I think more than anything else that this dish typifies what I was saying about really fresh fish not being ruined by a spicy curry. I can still remember the slightly oily flavour of the exquisite snapper in that dish because fish oil, when it's perfectly fresh, is very nice to eat. I always think oily fish goes well with curry anyway, particularly with the flavours of tomatoes, tamarind and curry leaves.



INGREDIENTS

60ml vegetable oil
1 tbsp yellow mustard seeds
1 large onion, finely chopped
15g/3 cloves garlic, finely crushed
30 fresh curry leaves
2 tsp Kashmiri chilli powder
2 tsp ground coriander
2 tsp turmeric
400g can chopped tomatoes
100ml Tamarind liquid
2 green chillies, each sliced lengthways into 6 pieces, with seeds
1 tsp salt
700g snapper fillets, cut into 5cm chunks

To serve
Boiled basmati rice

METHOD

Heat the oil in a heavy-based saucepan or karahi over a medium heat. When hot, add the mustard seeds and fry for 30 seconds, then stir in the onion and garlic and fry gently for about 10 minutes until softened and lightly golden. Add the curry leaves, chilli powder, coriander and turmeric and fry for 2 minutes, then stir in the tomatoes, tamarind liquid, green chillies and salt and simmer for about 10 minutes until rich and reduced. Add the fish, cook for a further 5 minutes or until just cooked through, and serve with plain rice.

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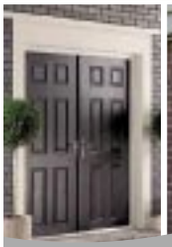

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DRY CURRY OF CABBAGE, CARROT AND COCONUT

SERVES 4 – 6

Thoran is a dry vegetable curry from Kerala made from whatever fresh vegetables are around–snake beans, unripe jack fruit, sag (leafy vegetables), even green tomatoes. Taking a very common and normally in season vegetable in the UK, like cabbage, I've worked on this dish to produce my own version, which means I've kept faithful to the essential ingredients of mustard seeds, green chillies, ginger and, above all, grated coconut, but I have made the dish as quick as possible to produce.

INGREDIENTS

3 tbsp coconut oil
or vegetable oil
2 tsp black mustard seeds
2 tbsp fresh curry leaves
1 tsp cumin seeds
2 dried Kashmiri chillies, each broken into 3or 4 pieces
30g/6cm ginger, finely grated into a paste
½tsp turmeric
1 tsp salt
½tsp coarsely ground black pepper
250g hispi or pointed spring cabbage (or spring greens), shredded into 5mm pieces
2 carrots, diced
2 fresh green chillies, sliced into thin rounds, with seeds
100g fresh or frozen coconut flesh, blitzed in a food processor or grated

To serve
Boiled basmati rice and poppadoms

METHOD

Heat the oil in a heavy-based saucepan or karahi set over a medium heat, and when hot, add the mustard seeds followed by the curry leaves, cumin seeds and dried chillies.

Stir for about 30 seconds, then add the ginger paste, turmeric, salt and black pepper and fry for 30 seconds.

Stir in the cabbage and carrots and cook, covered, over a medium heat for 5–7 minutes or until the vegetables are tender, adding a splash of water if they start to stick to the pan.

Stir in the green chillies and coconut, heat through for a minute and serve. Serve with rice and poppadoms.

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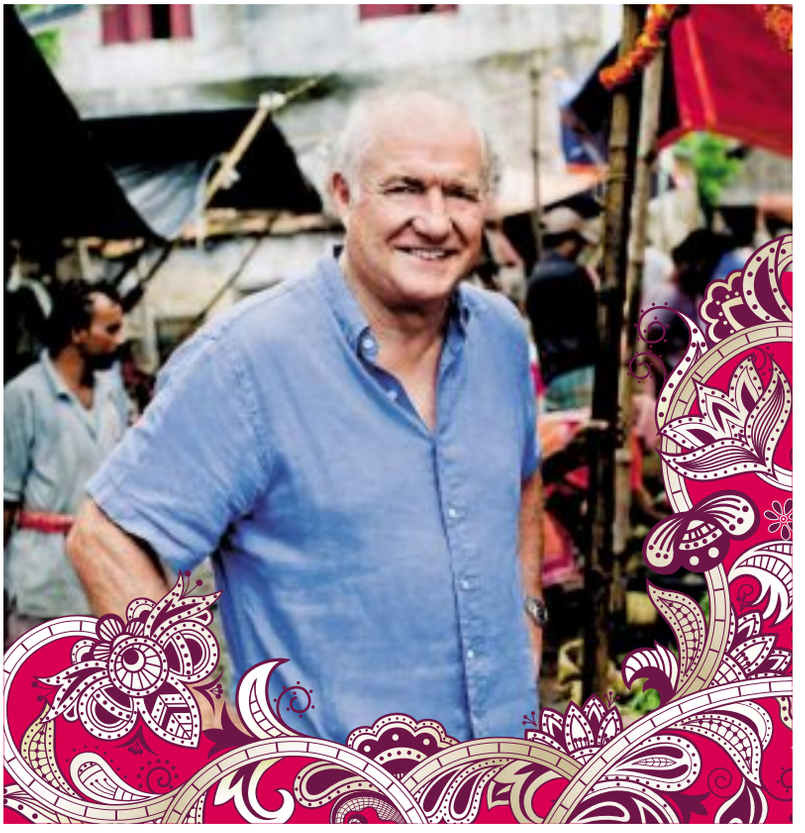

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Its use for centuries is as a treatment for sore throats and coughs, and according to recent research, may in fact be as effective as many common cough medicines, potentially killing harmful bacteria in your mouth and throat, preventing them from spreading through your body.

Did you know that the queen bee lives 40 times longer than her poor little drone – so we really should get stuck in!

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Have a splashing time with the elephants

THIS bank holiday animal lovers can get closer to the extra large residents at Woburn Safari Park.

On Saturday, fans of elephants can see the females in the herd close up as they exercise and have fun in their own private playground at Drakeloe Lake.

Visitors can then indulge in a gourmet barbecue at the Safari Lodge before the entertainment continues with talks and demonstrations at the Birds in Action amphitheatre arena.

Tickets cost £99 for adults and are £79 for children and the event takes place between 5pm and 9pm.

On Sunday, the safari park opens its gates for an extra special evening of family entertainment with exclusive after-hours access to the park.

The Sunset Safari begins with a drive through the park where more than 80 species of animals will be strutting their stuff in 300 acres of beautiful parkland.

After the safari adventure by car, African tribal drums will be playing in the leisure area, where there will be a live band performing a fusion of African melodies and rhythms.

A barbecue will be served and the entertainment will continue with spectacular talks and demonstrations with the keepers, where animal lovers can learn more about wildlife at the park.

Event opening hours are from 5-9pm and tickets cost £59 for adults and £49 for children.

To round the weekend off, younger visitors can meet Peppa Pig on Bank Holiday Monday, who is back by popular demand.

Peppa will be making appearances in the Birds in Action theatre throughout the day, with five chances to meet her from 11am.

Tickets are £19.99 for adults, £17.99 for seniors and £14.99 for children.

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Friday 30 August, 8pm THE DIAMOND DECADES
All your favourite hits - America, Sweet Caroline, Love on the Rocks and many more - performed by JJ Jones and his band Tickets £19.50

Thursday 5 September, 8pm SAD CAFE
The long-awaited return of one of the most successful rock bands of the 70s & 80s
Tickets £17.50

Friday 6 September, 8pm RICHARD DIGANCE
Last few tickets remaining for this evening with one of the UK's most celebrated comedy entertainers Tickets £16

Saturday 7 September, 8pm SHAKATAK
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Gig guide

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TWO true Superstars of Soul, Ben E King and Jimmy James, join forces at The Stables on Tuesday.

Accompanied by The Vagabonds, a fabulous six-piece band, they will be performing the songs that have provided the soundtracks to so many people's lives, including Stand By Me, There Goes My Baby, Save The Last Dance For Me and many more.

Standing tickets cost £25 and the event begins at 8pm

Tribute act Hats off to Led Zeppelin return to The Stables on Saturday.

Three years ago they created a buzz unheard of for a tribute act and they are back for the third time in Milton Keynes this year. Tickets to the gig, which starts at 8pm, cost £16.

To book tickets for either of these performances, ring the box office on 01908 280800.

MK11 will present a live night of hardcore and punk with Outta Luck and guests, including Proven, All Tied Up and Thracia.

An aftershow of alternative music and rock with special DJs will also take place on Friday.

Entry to the gig, starting at 7.30pm, is £5 on the door, but £2 after 11.30pm.

Girls Alouder, who are heading into their fifth year as the UK's number one tribute to Girls Aloud, will perform at Wilton Hall on Friday.

The following night the JETS will be performing favourite hits from Dirty Dancing and Pulp Fiction.

Tickets cost £18 for the Girls Alouder event and £25 for the Jets. Doors open at 7pm.

To book, call 01908 372277.

Taking to the stage: Jimmy James and, *above*, Girls Alouder will be performing this week

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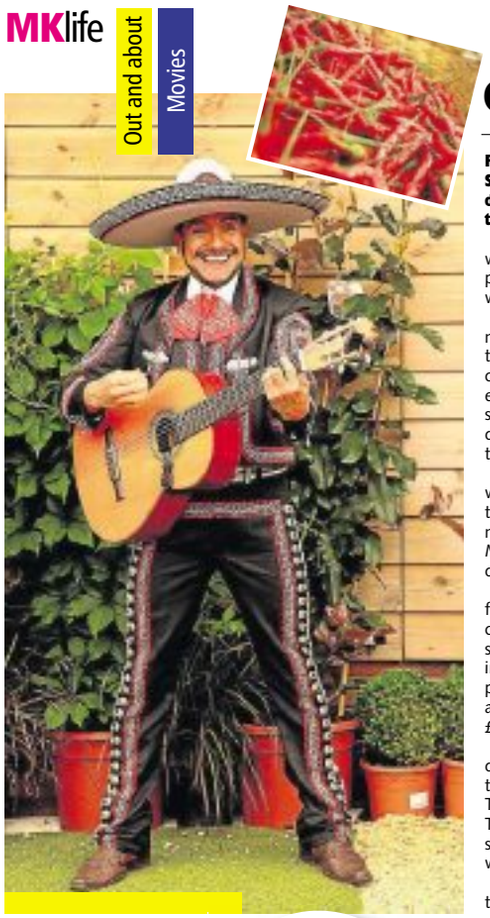
Whole Lotta Love: Hats off the Led Zeppelin will be returing to Milton Keynes at the weekend



Chilli Festival

FROSTS Garden Centre at Woburn Sands predicts this August Bank Holiday is going to be a scorcher – with the return of its annual chilli festival!

From Saturday until Monday, Frosts will be putting on a sizzling weekend packed with free activities for the whole family.

Over the three days there will be more than 20 exhibitors from all over the country, offering tasters and the chance to buy a variety of different chilli products, from chutneys to sauces. There will also be live cooking demonstrations, plus children's entertainment.

If all the heat gets too much, you will be able to cool down in the beer tent and enjoy some live entertainment from Mexican mariachi band Mariachi el Mexicano and salsa dancing.

And especially to celebrate its fourth year, Frosts has launched a chilli sauce contest. Whether it's a sauce, jam, chutney, pickle, cooking sauce, marinade, jelly or pesto, people are being encouraged to be as creative as possible, and there's a £100 of Frosts vouchers up for grabs.

Entries must be delivered to the garden centre by Friday for judging on the last day of the festival at 1.30pm. To win, entrants must be present. To find out more visit the customer service desk, or download a form at www.frostsgardencentres.co.uk.

The Chilli Festival will run over the three days between 10am and 4pm.

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TEN years ago A-list Hollywood star Johnny Depp, legendary producer Jerry Bruckheimer and highly-acclaimed director Gore Verbinski were the golden boys at Disney – after turning a theme park ride called Pirates of the Caribbean into an unprecedented worldwide box-office smash.

But sadly lightning hasn't struck twice for the trio – with this modern incarnation of the much-loved (in the States anyway) TV series proving to be nothing short of a box-office disaster.

Depp quite obviously felt he could put the same unique twist on Native American sidekick Tonto as he did with his much-lauded first Keith Richards-inspired turn as Jack Sparrow – but he alone can't carry a movie that is misfiring in every department.

Armie Hammer shone in The Social Network, but is surprisingly unheroic (and generally quite annoying) as the title character, John 'Lone Ranger' Reid, with the usually dominating presences of Tom Wilkinson (as corporate fat cat Cole), William Fichtner (as escaped outlaw Butch Cavendish) and Helena Bonham Carter (in one of her most pointless roles to date as brothel Madam Red Harrington), struggling to ignite a by-the-numbers plot.

Even the expensive action set-pieces fail to be memorable (particularly the finale when the famous Lone Ranger theme tune hits) and – bar the odd fleeting comedic moment from Depp – this is surprisingly quite a humourless affair.

The film's 1859-set Western story being recounted by an old Tonto to a young Lone Ranger fan in the 1930s simply doesn't work either and stops what little entertainment momentum it has – which usually comes from Hammer and Depp's passable on-screen chemistry.

But this is simply not a very good movie and undoubtedly the biggest disappointment of the summer.

And for three of the biggest names in Hollywood at their respective jobs to provide such an expensive misfire is quite staggering.

Gavin Miller

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ARE you in holiday mode? There is still plenty to do in the garden, pruning of cane fruit and early flowering shrubs can be done.

Cane fruit (apart from autumn raspberries) produce fruit on last year's wood. As they finish fruiting it's time to cut the old stems out of raspberries, blackberries and loganberries etc and then tie in the new growth ready to fruit next year.

Wisteria is a plant we are always asked how to prune. You should now be cutting back all this year's new growth to three to four buds from its base.

JAMES FROST, managing director at Frost's Garden Centre in Woburn Sands, writes exclusively for MK LIFE. This month he gives you his top tips for pruning your plants

This will then grow and can be pruned the same way in the winter.

Early flowering shrubs such as philadelphus, weigela and deutzia can also be pruned now. Cut them back to a manageable size and take out older flowered stems.

Hedges are also something that need to be kept regularly trimmed at this time of year.

If you are growing tomatoes remember to keep on top of removing side shoots and tying them into their canes for support. It may also help to remove some leaves for fruit to ripen.

Dead head your flowers, especially roses, to encourage more flower buds into production for a longer flowering season and carry on harvesting your vegetables for continuous crops.

galleryevents

AN EVENING of contemporary dance will take place with Helen Parlor and Tamzen Moulding at MK Gallery tomorrow.

Helen's work focuses on contact improvisation techniques and dance theatre.

She has worked in contemporary dance theatre since 1998, performing both nationally and internationally.

Tamzen Moulding is a circus and dance artist based in Milton Keynes.

She trained in gymnastics, and studied contemporary dance at London Contemporary Dance School and circus at The Circus Space, London.

This free event begins at 6.30pm.

A film about Britain's longest-serving Labour MP Tony Benn will be shown on Friday night.

For the first time ever through intimate, quasi confessional interviews and his personal, photographic and film archive, Will And Testament reveals a very human face behind the political mask.

In this feature length film, Benn also criss-crosses the UK bearing witness to major social and political upheavals and events.

He hopes Will And Testament will prove to be the defining documentary of the most globally and politically aware generation in a lifetime.

The movie begins at 7pm and costs £5 for adults, with a £3 charge for concessions.

A free complimentary drink will be supplied for advance bookers, who can get their ticket from 01908 676900.

Also at the gallery from tomorrow until August 28 is Aleksandra Warchol's Memory Remains exhibition.

A final year student at the University of Bedfordshire, Alexsandra presents a photography exhibition exploring childhood memories, nostalgia and the idea of place, using childhood snapshots from Poland and images of her new home in the UK.

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toptunes

THE 'world's sexiest DJ' will perform on Sunday at Wonderworld in Xscape from 10pm.

Juicy M is one of the most successful DJs in the world. She has toured with the Backstreet Boys, Jay Sean and Willow Smith. Tickets cost £3 online and £5 on the door.

openmic

THIS Friday at The Buszy will be your chance to shine in front of an audience.

Take along your voice, and maybe an instrument, and show off your skills on stage at the free open mic night from 7-10pm.

townfayre

STONY Stratford Town Council will be hosting an annual event on Bank Holiday Monday.

The Town Fayre at Horsefair Green will offer a Punch and Judy show, children's fairground rides, stalls and much more.

For enquiries, including booking a stall, contact organisers MK Lions Club through Brian Kite on 01908 318729.

motownmagic

MOTOWN fans will be in for a treat at the new Tailfeather night at the Slug and Lettuce.

Head down to the Theatre District on Saturday for a fun night out that will entertain all generations.

It's an opportunity to dress to impress in Motown style and meet up with all your friends. Entry is free before 10pm and £3 after.

metalartwork

A WORKSHOP in experimental metalwork will be held by Kate Edwards at Westbury Arts Centre on Saturday from 10am until 5pm.

Kate is trained as a silversmith and creates unique fine art pieces made from metal that use traditional jewellery skills. Her work is in private collections worldwide. This workshop, which costs £45, will allow people to combine traditional jewellery techniques such as piercing, soldering, embossing and gilding.

nonnafest

NONNA'S Fest is raising funds for MacMillan and MK Food Bank.

Held at Nonna's Restaurant in Woburn Sands on Sunday and Monday, it will feature live music and dance, pizza and a bouncy castle. For ticket details, visit www.mkweb.co.uk

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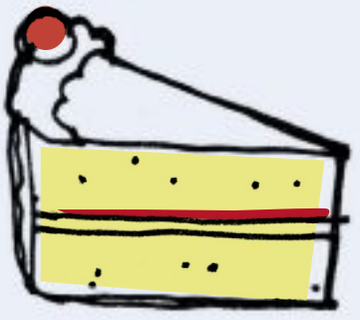

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Newton Leys

CHRISTOPHER Francis Property Solutions is delighted to offer for sale this immaculately presented four-bedroom detached family home situated in the new and popular development of Newton Leys.

The ground floor accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, study and kitchen/breakfast room.

First floor accommodation offers four bedrooms with the master bedroom benefitting from a dressing area and en-suite. There is a family bathroom and further benefits include gas to radiator heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens and a driveway providing off-road parking leading to a detached single garage.

Newton Leys is a new development and offers beautiful views of Jubilee Lake and open countryside. It mainly comprises two, three, four and five-bedroom homes. The location also provides excellent access to the A5, Newton Longville and Leighton Buzzard and is approximately seven miles from Central Milton Keynes.

Due to its immaculate presentation, an internal viewing of this property, on the market for £319,995, is highly recommended.

All viewings are strictly by appointment only.

If you are considering moving, contact Christopher Francis Property Solutions on 01908 285691 or @cfpsolutions.co.uk for a free market appraisal and valuation.

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- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Corner Plot Location

A wonderfully presented five bedroom detached self build property occupying a generous plot in the heart of this popular village. Designed by the owners to offer plenty of natural light and spacious, flexible living.

£600,000

Leckhampstead

- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- En-Suite Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Workshop
- Stable
- Gardens
- Viewing Advised

Four double bedroom detached bungalow situated on the outskirts of the pretty village of Leckhampstead on a plot of approximately one third of an acre.

£585,000

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£1,300,000

Moulsoe

- Beautiful Thatched Cottage
- Village Location
- South Facing Rear Garden With Views
- Period Charm With Modern Facilities
- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Mains Drainage

Wonderfully presented four-five bed character thatched cottage situated on a plot of approximately half an acre, set well back from Cranfield Road in the highly sought after village of Moulsoe, close to Milton Keynes with excellent travel links to London.

£950,000

Sherington

- 300 Year Old Barn Conversion
- Two En-Suites
- Half Acre Garden
- Four Bedrooms
- Self Contained Annexe
- Double Garage

Delightful 300 year old barn conversion with half an acre garden and a detached annexe in the highly sought after location of Sherington Bridge. Formally part of the Chicheley Estate the Barn retains many of its original features and has been developed to a high standard.

£690,000

Oxley Park

- Five Bedrooms
- Two/Three Receptions
- Two En-Suites
- Double Garage
- Hazeley School Catchment
- Rear Gated Parking

An immaculate five bedroom detached property offering versatile accommodation in the sought after Hazeley school catchment area.

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Bletchley

- Semi Detached Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Improved & Extended
- Three Reception Rooms
- Luxury Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Driveway
- Enclosed Garden
- Garage

Much improved and extended three bedroom family home. The property has been fully modernised throughout and benefits from a luxury kitchen, re-fitted en-suite and re-fitted family bathroom, office and very spacious bedrooms.

£239,995

Woburn Sands £375,000

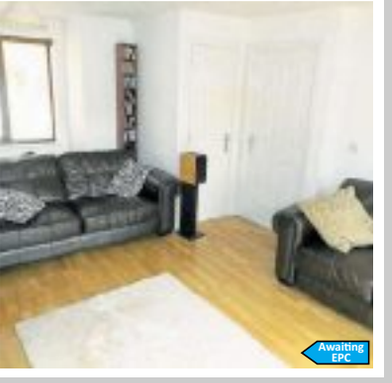
- Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Area
- Lounge/Diner

Caldecotte £280,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room & Dining Room
- Master with En-Suite

Broughton £295,000

- Four Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Separate Dining Room
- WC
- Kitchen
- Utility Room

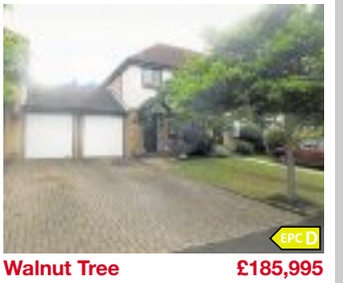


Cranfield £270,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Separate Receptions Rooms
- Cloakroom
- Garage
- En-Suite

Middleton £240,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Garage



Walnut Tree £185,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Garden

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Willen £350,000

- Five Bedroom Property
- Good Size Garden
- Decking Area
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Conservatory
- En-Suite to Master

Great Linford £240,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Living Room
- Conservatory
- Utility Room

Bradwell £230,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

Walton £230,000

- Two Storey Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Downstairs
- Kitchen/Diner/Living Room

Bancroft Offers Over £220,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory

Milton Keynes £190,000

- Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Lounge

Leadenhall £170,000

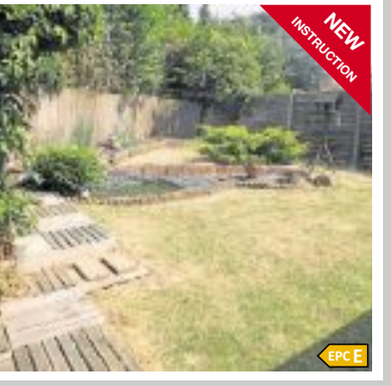
- Two Bedroom Property
- Sought After Area
- Ample Parking
- Kitchen/Diner

Cosgrove £325,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Garden
- Double Garage
- Gas Central Heating

Haversham OIEO £195,000

- Village Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Well Presented
- Detached
- Viewing Recommended



Bradville OIEO £185,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom Link Detached
- Double Glazing
- Gas Fired Central Heating

Wolverton OIEO £180,000

- End Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen

Hanslope £190,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Highly Sought After Village
- Gas Fired Central Heating

Hodge Lea £102,500

- Two Double Bedroom Flat
- Double Glazing
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Internal Viewing Is Recommended

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Haversham £368,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Utility Room

Newport Pagnell £235,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Reception Room
- Re-fitted Kitchen

Sherington £365,000
- Extended Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Conservatory
- En-Suite to Master
- Family Bathroom

Newport Pagnell OIEO £215,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell £129,995
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Kitchen

Westcroft £369,950
- Five Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Lounge & Dining Room
- En-Suite to Master

Oakhill £260,000
- Four Bedroom Three Storey Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Conservatory, No Chain

Westcroft £250,000
- Show Home Condition
- Three Bedroom Link Detached
- Cloakroom
- En-Suite Facilities

Kingsmead £245,000
- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge

Emerson Valley £210,000
- Extended Mews Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Kitchen/Diner

Furzton £180,000
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Bathroom

Westcroft £70,000
- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Balcony
- Entrance Hall
- Bathroom

Westcroft £59,000
- First Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Lounge

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Two Mile Ash £185,000
- Semi Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Single Garage
- Refitted Kitchen
- SSTC Similar Required

Central Milton Keynes £199,995
- Central Living Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Balcony
- SSTC Similar Required

Central Milton Keynes £210,000
- Central Living Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Balcony
- SSTC Similar Required

Oxley Park £219,995
- Semi Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Single Garage
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- SSTC Similar Required

Oxley Park £229,995
- Semi Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen/Dining
- SSTC Similar Required

Middleton £249,995
- Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Single Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Emerson Valley £327,500
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Woburn Sands £329,995
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Three Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Middleton £339,995
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Caldecotte £339,995
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Furzton £349,995
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Part Converted Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Broughton £375,000
- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Cinema Room
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Oxley Gate £460,000
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Shenley Church End £465,000
- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Double Garage
- SSTC Similar Required

Broughton £495,000
- Detached Family Home
- Six Bedrooms
- 30ft Kitchen / Family Room
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Willowbank £750,000
- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Three Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

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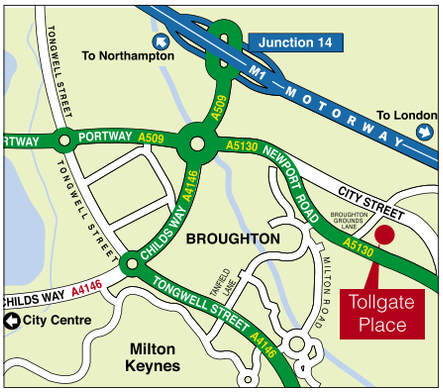

Including all carpets, curtains, blinds, lighting and accessories plus turfed rear garden, this 4 bedroom home with 2 en-suites, study and garage is **ready to move into now** and offers superb value. Set in an exciting new community in **Broughton**, Tollgate Place is **ideally located** close to the major road networks.

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Bradville £200,000

Fully Refurbished

- Three bedrooms
- New modern kitchen diner
- Refitted family bathroom
- Private rear garden
- Carport
- Energy rating C

Emerson Valley £210,000

Three Bedrooms

- Garage and off-road parking for 2 cars
- Good condition throughout
- Lounge
- Kitchen diner with built-in oven
- Front and rear gardens
- Energy rating C

Deanshanger £309,950

Immaculate Detached Property

- Kitchen with integral appliances
- Four good sized bedrooms
- Master with ensuite and dressing area
- Attractive rear garden
- Garage and off-road parking for 2 cars
- Energy rating to be confirmed

Furzton £105,000

Good Investment Opportunity

- One bedroom maisonette
- Private rear garden
- Allocated parking
- No upper chain
- Ideal first time purchase
- Energy rating D

Broughton

Previous Show Home £325,000

- Four bedroom detached
- Sought-after Broughton Gate
- 22' Lounge
- 22' Kitchen with integral appliances
- Four good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom and ensuite
- Front and rear gardens
- Double length carport
- Enery rating B

Oxley Park

Good School Catchment £238,000

- Three/four bedroom townhouse
- Kitchen diner
- Lounge
- Cloakroom
- Master with ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Rear garden
- Garage
- Allocated parking
- Energy rating B

Great Linford £1,100,000

Dream Home, Great Location

A unique five bedroom detached property, with separate two bedroom annexe, in a peaceful setting within Great Linford conservation area. Constructed in stone under a part-thatch and plain clay tile roof with many original features including galleried landing, elegant staircase, inglenook fireplace with bread oven, and a well in the front garden. Offered for sale at £1,100,000.

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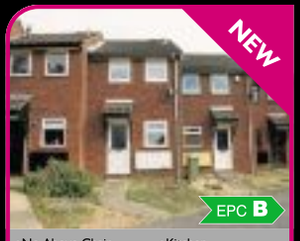
Collingtree Park **£1,000,000**

A simply stunning home! With the added benefits of a large conservatory, downstairs cloakroom, private rear garden, single garage and off road parking for two to three vehicles. Located nearby are local shops and the picturesque Furzton Lake,

Furzton **OIEO £220,000**

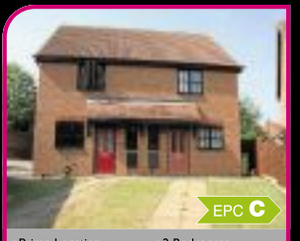
Shepherds Cottage with a detached annexe is set on half an acre of land with picturesque views of the countryside from every aspect. With exposed beams to the main house and annexe, both have charm and character yet still offer a modern feel.

Shepherds Cottage, Woburn **£695,000**



- No Above Chain
- Mid Terraced
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage In Block

Heelands **£135,000**



- Prime Location
- Semi Detached
- Downstairs Cloak
- Lounge/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Good Size Rear Garden
- No Above Chain

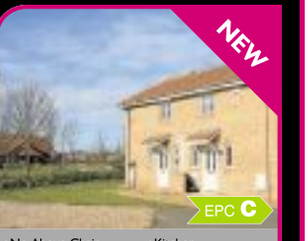
Shenley Brook End **£169,950**

- Shared Ownership
- First Floor
- Lounge
- Juliet Balcony
- 2 Bedrooms
- Kitchen Appliances
- Communal Garden
- Allocated Parking

Bletchley **£40,500**

- End Of Terrace
- Town House
- 3 Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloak
- Shower Room
- Bathroom
- Separate Receptions
- No Above Chain

Westcroft **£199,950**



- No Above Chain
- 3 Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Desirable Location

Monkston **£189,999**

- No Above Chain
- Maisonette
- First Floor
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Built In Appliances
- Allocated Parking

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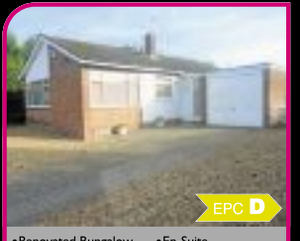

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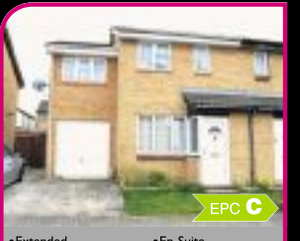

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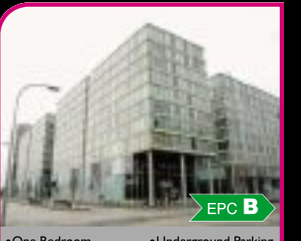

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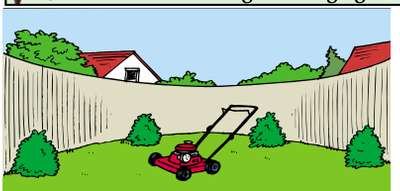

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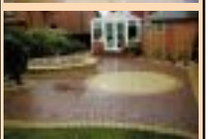
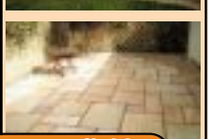

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(CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:-

1. The introduction of coded residents' permit parking places within parts of South Fifth Street and South Row, Central Milton Keynes for use by those residents, and their visitors and carers, of Petersfield Green who display a relevant and valid permit, the whole 24 hours of every day;
2. The introduction of coded resident's permits, coded visitor's permit scratch cards and coded carer's permits for residents of Petersfield Green, for use within permit parking places along parts of South Fifth Street and South Row, Central Milton Keynes the whole 24 hours of every day;
3. The revocation of the existing Order made on 30th April 2009 which introduced some resident, visitor and carer permit parking in part of South Fifth Street;
4. The revocation of the existing Order made on 4th April 2013 which introduced some resident, visitor and carer permit parking in part of South Row.

All motor vehicles are affected by this Order except for motorcycles and mopeds.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order, and Orders to be revoked, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 11 September 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-7783-2216.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(BOW BRICKHILL RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING AND PARTS OF B557/V10 BRICKHILL STREET) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because works are to be carried out, namely essential maintenance works which include the replacement of two boom barriers. The effect of the order will be to temporarily prohibit all access to and along those parts of Brickhill Street, Milton Keynes running for a distance of approximately 20 metres either side of Bow Brickhill railway level crossing, including the railway level crossing itself. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 22.00 hours on Tuesday 3 September 2013 to 06.00 hours on Wednesday 4 September 2013 inclusive. The level crossing and affected lengths of road will re-open sooner if the works are complete and it is safe to do so.

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- Northbound – via Brickhill Street, the A5, the H10 Bletcham Way and Brickhill Street;
- Southbound – via Brickhill Street, the H10 Bletcham Way, the A5 and Brickhill Street.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the order.

The proposed order will come into operation on 3 September 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

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13/01687/FUL	Replacement windows and door to front elevation at 56 Cambridge Street, Wolverton
13/01697/FUL	Single storey rear extension to provide music room and relocation of bin store at St Mary And St Giles C of E Junior School, King George Crescent, Stony Stratford
13/01737/FUL	New rear access to first floor flat with external metal staircase (retrospective) at 40 A Church Street, Wolverton
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 21st August 2013, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along parts of the following three sections of rear access roads in Bletchley:

1. that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Albert Street and Oxford Street, Bletchley from its junction with Regent Street to its junction with Cawkwell Way.
2. that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Oxford Street and Bedford Street, Bletchley, from its junction with St Martin's Street to its junction with Cawkwell Way.
3. that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Bedford Street and Cambridge Street, Bletchley, from its junction with St Martin's Street to its junction with Cawkwell Way.

There will be no alternative routes available for vehicular traffic whilst the above access roads are closed.

The Council is satisfied that these temporary closures are necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, reconstruction works to the highway and the installation of storm drains. It is anticipated the temporary closures will be from Monday 26th August 2013 until Friday 4th October 2013, inclusive. The access roads will only be closed when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any road closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order, except for emergency service vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties.

The Order will come into operation on the 26th August 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

21st August 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(REDWAYS (PART) IN THE VICINITY OF WOUGHTON ON THE GREEN, WALTON HALL AND KENTS HILL PARK) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along the following lengths of redway:-

Woughton on the Green – that length of redway that runs parallel to the H8 Standing Way from its junction with Newport Road, Woughton on the Green to its junction with the H8 Standing Way and River Ouzel Overbridge, north-east of Newport Road.
The alternative route will be via the redway that runs along Newport Road in a northerly direction to the redway south of Lucas Place, turn right onto this redway and proceed easterly to the River Ouzel Overbridge and vice versa.

Walton Hall - that length of redway that runs parallel to the V10 Brickhill Street from a point where it merges north of its junction with Walton Roundabout to a point approximately 50 metres south of the V10 Brickhill Street Overbridge, opposite Ring Road North, Walton Hall.
The alternative route will be via the footway that runs parallel with Milton Road and Ring Road East, Walton Hall and vice versa.

Kents Hill Park – that length of redway that runs parallel to the V10 Brickhill Street from a point where it merges south of its junction with Kents Hill Roundabout to a point where the redways merge at the V10 Brickhill Street Overbridge, opposite Ring Road North, Walton Hall.
The alternative route will be via the redway that runs parallel with the H8 Standing Way and the redway that links the Overbridges on the H8 Standing Way and the V10 Brickhill Street and vice versa.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closures are necessary because of works being carried out, namely resurfacing and maintenance works on the redways. It is anticipated the temporary closures will take place from Monday 2nd September 2013 until Friday 11th October 2013, inclusive. It is hoped that the works will not take as long as envisaged and therefore, the redways may open sooner if the works are completed ahead of schedule.

The restrictions will be in force between the dates shown and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 2nd September 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(A4146, WATLING STREET AND BRICKHILL STREET (PARTS) BOW BRICKHILL) (TEMPORARY 30 & 40 MPH SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 19th August 2013, made an Order under Section 14(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily restrict the speed limit to 30 MPH and 40 MPH on varying lengths on the following roads within the location of the A5 Roundabout, commonly known as Kellys Kitchen Roundabout near Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes:-

Temporary Speed limit of 30 MPH on:-

1. **A4146** – both carriageways from its junction with the A5 Roundabout for a distance of approximately 310 metres in a south-westerly direction.
2. **Watling Street** – both carriageways from its junction with the A5 Roundabout for a distance of approximately 390 metres in a north-westerly direction.
3. **Brickhill Street** - both carriageways from its junction with the A5 Roundabout for a distance of approximately 240 metres in a north-easterly direction.

Temporary Speed limit of 40 MPH on:-

1. **A4146** – both carriageways from a point approximately 310 metres south-west of its junction with the A5 Roundabout for a distance of approximately 250 metres in a south-westerly direction.
2. **Watling Street** – both carriageways from a point approximately 390 metres north-west of its junction with the A5 Roundabout for a distance of approximately 250 metres in a north-westerly direction.
3. **Brickhill Street** - both carriageways from a point approximately 240 metres north-east of its junction with the A5 Roundabout for a distance of approximately 250 metres in a north-easterly direction.

The provisions of this Order continue those of the previous Notice which was dated 8th August 2013 and which expires on 28 August 2013.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary speed restrictions are necessary to enable construction works to the existing junctions on the A5 Roundabout to be carried out in safety and to support the off-peak lane closures which will be in place whilst the works are taking place. It is anticipated that the temporary speed restrictions will continue in effect from Thursday 29th August 2013 until 22nd March 2014, inclusive.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for emergency service vehicles and Special Forces drivers within the armed forces on operational duties.

The Order will come into operation on 29th August 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State. The provisions of this Order shall apply when indicated by traffic signs.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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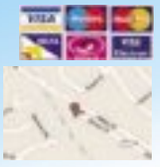

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FOOTBALL

Hodson happy in MK after frustrating Watford season

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MK DONS new boy Lee Hodson says loan signings at Watford pushed him out of the club.

The Northern Ireland international has impressed with some solid displays in his first games at the Dons, and he is enjoying getting a good run in the first team having missed out on playing regularly at Watford last season.

"It's always frustrating not playing and the amount of players that were brought in on loan didn't really give me a chance," said the 20-year-old.

"They came in and went straight into the side so you knew straight away what was happening but that's football – I kept working hard and I was travelling in squads but they said I wouldn't be playing as regularly as I wanted to so I went out on loan to Brentford which was really enjoyable."

Defender Hodson says his move in the summer has not proved too difficult for him because Watford and Dons play in a similar style.

"The way the gaffer wants to play is similar to Watford," said Hodson.

"I came in and it wasn't foreign to me – the gaffer wants us to get high up the pitch and wide and that was the same with Gianfranco Zola."

Hodson suffered an unusually bad end to the season when he was the victim of two play-off final defeats – firstly with Brentford and then with Watford – but he says that the experience of losing is one he can use.

"Obviously it's nice to win but losing makes you a stronger player mentally and when you lose a final you feel down and disappointed but you test yourself mentally to bounce back and get ready to go for next season," he said.

The Dons have suffered their fair share of play-off heartache in recent years, but Hodson believes they have what it takes to mount a challenge for promotion this season.

"The way we play we haven't started badly," he said. "We play good football and the results and goals will come. We can definitely be up there with how results are going so far and we have a good squad, with good young players.

"I'm really enjoying it – there are a great bunch of lads here and I like the way the team play.

"I think I've been quite steady – I think I'll improve as the season goes on and I get fitter.

"I came in late into pre-season as I only played two games before the season started so getting to full match fitness will definitely help me with my performances."

Hodson is looking forward to potentially watching the Baldock brothers do battle in Saturday's game against Bristol City, but he is also up for the Sunderland Capital One Cup game on Tuesday.

"The cup is about playing the big sides and you can't ask for much better than Sunderland away."

NEW BOY: Lee Hodson in action at Preston on Saturday. Pic: Richard Parkes

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Swans cup run is up and running

A LOOK at the non-league football action from the weekend of August 17/18.

FA Cup

NEWPORT Pagnell Town are through to the next round of the FA Cup after a 2-0 home success over Hatfield Town in the Extra Preliminary Round.

Goals from Sam Maude and Lee Jones sealed the victory at Willen Road over the Spartans South Midlands Premier Division outfit in the very first stage of the country's most famous competition.

The Swans now go on to face a team at a lower level in the Preliminary Round on August 31, when they will travel to Spartans Division One side Kings Langley.

Whoever wins that tie will face a trip to Ryman Premier League side Wealdstone in the first round of qualifying.

United Counties League

OLNEY Town were just edged out at Harrowby United who won a seven goal affair 4-3 in Division One.

Jamie Burrows was on the scoresheet twice for Olney and Darryl Smith also registered but a brace from Craig Wilson and strikes from Samuel Kirton and Samuel Hill sealed it for Harrowby.

Spartan South Midlands League

STONY Stratford Town's nightmare start to the Division One season continued as they conceded ten for the second straight week, this time at Welwyn Garden City who triumphed 10-1.

In Division Two, Old Bradwell United went down 4-3 to Aston Clinton, New Bradwell St Peter lost 5-1 at Brimsdown and Willen were 3-1 losers to The 61 FC.

Wolverton Town managed a point after a 1-1 home draw with Tring Corinthians.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
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2	Peterborough	3	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	4	2	+4	9
3	Wolves	3	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	2	1	+5	7
4	Walsall	3	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	+3	7
5	Colchester	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	+2	7
6	Brentford	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	2	2	+2	5
7	Rotherham	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	4	+1	5
8	DONS	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	+1	5
9	Bradford	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	3	4	+3	4
10	Crawley	3	1	0	1	4	4	0	1	0	3	3	0	4
11	Crewe	3	1	1	0	5	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
12	Port Vale	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
13	Sheff Utd	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	3	-1	4
14	Shrewsbury	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	-1	4
15	Preston	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
16	Oldham	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	5	5	-1	3
17	Swindon	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	-2	3
18	Bristol City	3	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	1	4	5	-2	1
19	Tranmere	3	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	2	2	5	-3	1
20	Notts County	3	0	0	1	2	4	0	1	1	2	3	-3	1
21	Gillingham	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	4	-5	1
22	Stevenage	3	0	0	2	3	5	0	0	1	0	1	-3	0
23	Carlisle	3	0	0	2	1	9	0	0	1	0	4	-12	0
24	Coventry	3	1	0	0	5	4	1	0	1	6	3	+4	-4

Coventry deducted ten points.

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CYCLING

Newport Pagnell's Hales seconds from victory

NEWPORT Pagnell's Jake Hales (Team IG Sigma Sport) lost out on winning the inaugural MKCA – Corley Cycles Two Day stage race by just five seconds at the National Bowl.

Hales and his four IG Sigma teammates including Monkston's Matt Jones were the penultimate team to set off in the time trial and they set a time one second faster than their nearest rivals.

With three of the country's top national racing outfits filling the top three places in the team event, the Stacey Bushes based Team Corley Cycles outfit were the best of the rest, setting an excellent time that was only 12 seconds slower than Hales' team.

By virtue of his leading the Sigma Sport outfit over the finishing line in the opening time trial Hales took the white jersey off the race leader into the afternoon's circuit race.

With a strong wind blowing, the second stage was transferred to the Bowl's inner circuit.

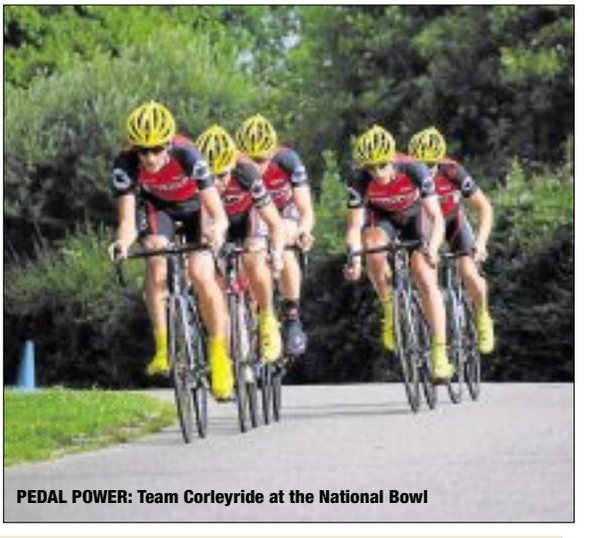
As the rain kept falling then clearing, for a number of laps the race followed suit with riders attempting to break away before being pulled back.

Hales' Sigma Sport squad retained the leader's white jersey with Jones helping Hales sprint into seventh place on the stage, enough for him to still be the race leader on Sunday morning.

The main feature of the 130km third and final stage was a break containing around a dozen riders who opened up a gap of just under two minutes with around half the race completed.

They were slowly reeled in but it wasn't until the final lap that the field came back together.

Despite his team's efforts, Hales lost enough time to also lose the leader's jersey but he finished the race in second, just five seconds behind the winner, Ben Stockdale of Metaltek-KOO.



PEDAL POWER: Team Corleyride at the National Bowl

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ROWING

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CLOWNING AROUND: Heidi Towse shows how stable the new boats are

MILTON Keynes Rowing Club has been awarded £10,000 funding to buy new stable boats.

British Rowing, the national governing body for the sport, has given the club the cash to get more people in the community involved in rowing as part of its Explore Rowing project.

The money, added to £5,000 raised by the club already, will be used for three recreational boats to assist with courses as well as a pontoon to allow easy launching.

It is in recognition of the club's success in attracting new rowers to the sport.

The boats have been named after people who have made significant contributions to the club, which include Karen Wilson, The Heywoods, and Rebecca Trouse.

The club had a record number of enquiries for their Learn to Row courses last year following the Olympics, and extra courses and taster sessions have been run to accommodate as many people as possible.

"We had the most enquiries for our courses in the British Rowing Eastern region and had 200 people on our waiting list," said Louise Rivett, vice chair at MKRC.

"MKRC is delighted to have been awarded funding from British Rowing to purchase new stable boats.

"This will allow the club to expand its activity providing rowing for the community."

Franki Lucas, Team GB Rower, inspired people who attended the launch event on Saturday with her story of how she came to row through the British Rowing 'Project Oarsome' and ended up representing GB on the international stage.

It is not the only success MK Rowing Club have enjoyed of late.

The ladies won gold at the Henley Masters Regatta in the Masters C coxed four category.

The crew consisted of Lou Rivett, Heidi Towse, Paula Heywood and Karen Wilson, and were coxed by Liz -.

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Sam gallops on to show

A MILTON Keynes horse rider has qualified for the Search for a Star Championship at the prestigious Horse of the Year Show.

Amateur rider Samantha Williams rode her own Dorrells Balisardo in the South Essex Insurance Brokers event after qualifying from a show at the Vale View Equestrian Centre in Leicestershire.

She was runner up in the Riding Club Show Horse class, beating 14 entries on her 10-year-old bay gelding, known as "Bally", which she has owned since he was a three-year-old.

He evented as a five-year-old and has show jumped up to discovery level, with numerous wins and places. They have also competed in dressage and recently stood reserve champion at the Trailblazers Preliminary Senior Championship.

"He really is an all-rounder and has done a bit of everything," said Samantha, *pictured*.

"We thought we would try something different so we had a go at some ridden warmblood and working hunter type show classes.

"We were a last minute entry and qualifying for Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) didn't even cross my mind!"

The only rider to beat Samantha and Dorrells Balisardo was Avril Russell's Briardale Solidarity, with Beth Leanne Russell riding the horse to victory for the team based in Hull, East Yorkshire.

The Search for a Star series was created by South Essex Insurance Brokers (SEIB), who are equine specialists, to encourage amateur riders to produce their horses to a high standard in the show ring and give them the opportunity to compete at the HOYS.

Each qualifying competition follows the same format, with classes for Working Hunters, Riding Club Show Horses, Show Hunters, Show Ponies and Show Hunter Ponies, Riding Horse/Hacks and Cobs.

Sam will now compete at The SEIB Search For A Star Finals at the Horse Of The Year Show, which takes place from October 9 to October 13, at the Birmingham NEC.

"The Search For A Star Championship series is a way to give amateur riders the chance to achieve their dream of riding at The Horse Of The Year Show," said Nicolina MacKenzie, of SEIB.

CRICKET

North Crawley's demolition job seals the title

A LOOK at the local cricket from the weekend of August 17/18.

Northants Premier League

TABLE topping Peterborough Town beat Stony Stratford by seven wickets.

Opener Tom Moore top-scored for Stony with 29 as the Campbell Park side were bowled out for 118 in the 48th over.

In reply Alex Strong claimed three wickets but after David Clarke's 48, an unbeaten 62-run partnership between Callum French (42 not out) and Ashley Rogers (21 not out) secured victory for the visitors.

Cherwell Cricket League

THREE points were not enough to prevent Great Brickhill from dropping to second from bottom in Division One.

They recorded 82-5 and drew with Twyford, who managed 212-7 in the first innings.

Wolverton Town took advantage of Cumnor's defeat to move within 37 points of the Division Two leaders.

Wolverton were bowled out for 136, but a five-wicket haul for Butt and four dismissals for Shazad helped get Abingdon Vale out for 100.

Bletchley Town lost by 10 wickets after they were all out for 57 against Aston Rowant's Seconds.

Four Counties League

A GIGANTIC 175 off 122 balls for Alex Strong gave North Crawley a 225-run win over Cranfield University which saw them seal the Division One title.

Pete Barnes' hit 113 as the champs set 334-3, and the students were 79-9 in reply.

Olney Town beat Newport Pagnell by nine wickets after the latter were dismissed for 89.

Milton Keynes edged past Eaton Bray by two wickets thanks to 90 by Daniel Ramsell, and 65 not out from number nine Joe Fairbrother.

SPORTSSHORTS

BASEBALL

MK Coyotes and London Marauders lit up the scoreboard but it was MK who came out on top in a 26-11 win to take them through to the post-season playoffs.

The teams banged out 28 hits between them, as well as three for extra bases.

Fifteen runs in the first three innings helped Coyotes blow out the Marauders. An error and a passed ball in the first inning and a walk by Chris Chang during the second supplied the early offense for the Coyotes.

Mo Hamdan racked up four RBIs on three hits for Coyotes but it was Walter Lin who got the win for the side.

He scored three runs over three innings as well as striking out three, walking five and surrendering two hits.

Coyotes hammered the Marauders in the pitching stakes too as eight hitters had a field day, combining for 14 hits, 15 RBIs and 21 runs scored.

On September 1, the Coyotes meet the Richmond Dukes for a place at the National Baseball Championships at the new UK Centre for Baseball, Farnham Park.

ACTIVITY PARTNERSHIP

BUCKS & MK Sports and Activity Partnership are looking to recruit new board members.

The partnership is one of a network of 49 County Sports Partnerships covering the whole of England.

The organisation already has an excellent track record, and as part of a new strategy the group is looking for new board members who are able to support the team, particularly in health promotion, marketing and communication, and promoting women's and girl's sport.

The closing date for applications is September 25.

ATHLETICS

DESPITE a superb home win in the last Sweatshop Southern Athletics League match at Stantonbury, Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club were unable to avoid relegation.

They ended up equal on league points with the two clubs who were nearest to them, but they had fewer match points.

Nonetheless there were some fine individual performances in the 100m with second for Aaron Adom and a win by Subomi Onanuga.

Ben Sturgess and Taylor Cowan-Williams won in the 200m, while Williams struck gold again in the 400m alongside Adam Smith.

Chris Hearn won the 1500m in 4m21.59s, with Lara Bromilow and Kim Lowden making it a hat-trick.

In a great double Lara won the 3,000m in 10m 09.85s with first for Jess Hall in the B race.

The final track win came in the men's 4x100m Relay, finishing in 44.84s.

Two great wins came in the High Jump by Rachel Gibbens 1.60m and Laura Zialor (F17) at the same height, with the latter following up by clearing 3.70m in the pole vault.

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Robbo pleads with fans to back Baldock on return

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DONS manager Karl Robinson has urged fans to get behind Sam Baldock when the Bristol City captain returns to stadiummk for the first time since he left the club.

Saturday's home tie against the Robins, who were relegated from the Championship last season, will be striker Baldock's first game back in Milton Keynes since his move to West Ham United in 2011-12, and Robinson remains a huge admirer of the former Dons prodigy.

"Sam Baldock is an absolute icon at this club," he said.

"He could have gone once or twice but he knew the money wasn't right and once we felt it was right he helped us get the fee we got.

"He's a friend of mine, I still speak to him regularly, and he's a friend of the football club. It'll be a pleasure and an honour to play against a side that he will be captain of.

"I very rarely come out and ask this but please give him the applause and respect that he deserves before the game kicks off because he never once stitched this club up.

"Once the game starts he becomes our enemy and we want to win the game regardless of whether Sam is there or not, but before and after the game I'm asking the fans to give him the respect he deserves.

"Sam and Daniel Powell were the benchmark and since then we have had many players coming through the youth system."

Robinson is still undecided as to whether Sam's brother George will start the game.

The younger Baldock produced a man-of-the-match performance against Crewe Alexandra two weeks ago, but the manager brought him off against Preston North End on Saturday as he felt he wasn't as effective as in the previous game.

"For their parents to see one son walking out as captain and the other maybe playing in the opposition in a League One game won't be a day they'll forget," Robinson said.

"I wonder if they'll swap shirts at the end of the game."

But whether the younger Baldock starts or not, Robinson is looking forward to the test.

"They've got one of the biggest resources in the league so it's almost a David versus Goliath test," he said.

Skipper Dean Lewington and Dean Bowditch continue to be sidelined with injury for Dons, but one man who has played himself back into the first team is Luke Chadwick.

Robinson was delighted with the number ten's performance in the 2-2 draw against Preston, and he says he will definitely start against the Ashton Gate outfit.

"I thought his performance at the weekend was magnificent," said Robinson.

"He needed time out because I don't think he was performing to the levels he can, but in training and what he did on Saturday was immense."

After Bristol City come Premier League outfit Sunderland in the second round of the Capital One Cup on Tuesday night, and Robinson will make wholesale changes to the line-up for the game.

He said six players who start on Saturday will remain in Milton Keynes as he keeps one eye on next week's League One trip to Sheffield United.

ONE OF OUR OWN: Homegrown hero Sam Baldock is set to make his return to stadiummk on Saturday

Web trolls don't make me want to cry to myself says Olympic ace Greg

MILTON Keynes long jumper Greg Rutherford insists it was still the right decision for him to take part in the World Championships despite suffering a hamstring injury just five weeks prior to the competition.

The Olympic champion crashed out in the qualifiers when he missed out on the final by 2cm, but he said that his hamstring had been tested thoroughly and he was fit before the event.

"My hamstring felt fine leading up to it and throughout," he told MK SPORT.

"I'd gone through numerous tests which had all come back with great results so we worked on the basis that I'd healed well and just had to go and give it my best shot.

"Sadly on the day I just didn't have the power I needed which the tendon would have given me but ultimately you can't test how the body's going to be in a competition, until you're in that competition."

The failure to qualify in Moscow led to an angry tweet from overlooked GB rival Chris Tomlinson, which was later deleted, and Rutherford was also the victim of internet trolls.

But he insists that trollers don't cause him any bother.

"Some of the things that get sent to me is just laughable and a few silly words from strangers doesn't make me want to lie in a bath and cry to myself," said Rutherford.

"The individuals who tend to troll me are ill-informed people who don't really know enough about athletics to understand how it all works and just throw out an insult in the hope I'll respond."

Rutherford is now taking a break and will return in six to eight weeks time as he begins his journey to the Commonwealth Games next year.

As opposed to training in America and Australia, as he did this year, the 26-year-old is basing himself in Milton Keynes next season.

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